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Amendments to the Abstract:

In the English translation document, please add the abstract at page 17 line 1, as follows: --ABSTRACT

An identical clone, with identical hardware, identical software and an identical data base, is allocated to each switching system to be protected, as a redundancy partner. Switching is carried out in a quick, secure and automatic manner in real time by a superordinate monitor in the network.--